Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* What is the method by which 25 per cent alone can be removed.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* That is only for a rough guidance.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Then is it left to the sweet will and pleasure of the officer to prosecute or not prosecute the offender.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* As far as possible we try to see that the milling conforms to the rules.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* In the undermilled rice do not particles of husk remain sticking to the rice?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* Yes. To some extent it is inevitable.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Do Government expect people to eat rice with the husk ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* Certainly not.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Have not the people to mill it again ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* If they have to remove the husk.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Then the rice will be lesser so much ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Comissioner of Civil Supplies):* It is inevitable.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Do Government know that after the rice is taken how it is husked again ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Comissioner of Civil Supplies):* I have no information.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Do Government know that a good quantity of bran is left with the rice after husking.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Comissioner of Civil Supplies):* A major portion of the bran will be left.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Do the not the cattle suffer on account of the scarcity of bran ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Comissioner of Civil Supplies):* Human needs are more important.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Human beings depend upon cattle.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Comissioner of Civil Supplies):* They have got other kinds of fodder also.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* There are no grazing grounds of the Government anywhere now. Bran and cotton seeds are the main food of the cattle. The price of cotton seeds has gone up. Bran we do not get. How is it possible to feed the cattle. How can we cultivate the lands. How can we get milk ?

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* With reference to sub-division (c) it is said "Boiled rice contains less bran and consequently less vitamin than undermilled rice". Is it a fact that the process of undermilling does not involve boiling.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* The more correct answer will be "Milled rice contains less bran and therefore less vitamin".

ISSUING OF PERMITS FOR SUGAR

163. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether slips used to be issued by the Government to enable purchasers to get sugar from merchants ;

(*b*) whether such slips have been issued to private individuals ;

(*c*) whether the slips referred to in clause (*a*) have been issued for one bag of sugar or more to any private individual ; and if so,

(*d*) will Government be pleased to state the number of individuals to whom slips for one or more bags of sugar have been issued ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* (*a*) No.

In view of the answer to question (*a*) answers to the other questions do not arise.

PURCHASE OF PADDY FROM AGRICULTURISTS—EXPENSES FOR CULTIVATION

164. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state whether the Government, in purchasing paddy from the agriculturists in the State, are allowing sufficient quantity of paddy with the producers for cultivation expenses including wages usually paid in kind to the agriculturists' labourers ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies):* Yes.

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